THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been one incidence when two elephants were hit on 18-09-07 on Daitari-Banspani line in Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Contractors' labourers

911. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contractors' labourers engaged in Railways are being deprived of statutory benefits, namely minimum wages, overtime allowances, P.F., medical allowances, etc.; and

(b) whether there is any machinery in Railways to check that contractors fulfil their statutory obligations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. The contract labour engaged by the Railways are not deprived of statutory benefits under the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 and Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(b) Indian Railways as Principal Employer ensures fulfilling of statutory obligations by the contractors.

Diversion of train routes

912. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trains are being diverted in some other routes in Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh contradicting to the earlier announcements of the routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the present routes of railway in Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what are the railway stations upgraded in Telangana region during the last three years, station-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following 10 rail routes are located in the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh:

(i) Khammam-Dornakal-Warangal-Sirpur Town (Balharshad route)

(ii) Hyderabad-Secunderabad-Nawandgi (Wadi route)

(iii) Secunderabad-Vikarabad-Matalkunta (Bidar route)

(iv) Bibinagar-Vishnupuram (Miryalguda route)

(v) Secunderabad-Nizamabad-Jankampet-Bodhan

(vi) Kosai-Adilabad

(vii) Dornakal-Bhadrachallam Road-Manuguru

(viii) Singareni Collieries-Karepalli

(ix) Padepalli-Karimnagar-Jagityal

(x) Mabhubnagar-Secunderabad

(d) During the last three years, the railway stations upgraded in Telangana region are as under:

2004-05 —3 Railway stations:

Aler, Bellmpalli and Secunderabad.

2005-06 — 22 Railway stations:

Adilabad, Akkanapet, Alampur Road, Aler, Alwal, Arts College, Balangar, Basar, Begumpet, Bellampalli, Bhadrachalam Road, Bhongir, Biknur, Bisgir Sharif, Bolarum, Bolaram Bazar, Bonakalu, Budvel, Burgula, Cavalry Barracks, Chintakani and Chintalapalli.

2006-07— 55 Railway stations:

Adilabad, Aler, Arts Collect, Basar, Begumpet, Bellampalli, Bhadrachallam Road, Bhongir, Bonakalu, Chintakani, Dornakal, Falaknuma, Gudwal, Garla, Hyderabad, Jadcharla, Jandrapet, Jamikunla, Jangaon, Kacheguda, Karimnagar, Kazipet, Kesamudram, Khammam, Kolnur, Ingampalli, Mahbubnagar, Mabhubabad, Malakpet, Manchiryal, Mandamari, Marrapalli, Nagalapalli, Nizamabad, Peddampet, Peddappalli, Polkapalli, Aghavpuram, Ramagundam, Rukmapur, Secunderabad, Shadhnagar, Sanarpalli, Sirpur Kagaznagar, Sitaphalmandi, Sriramnagar, Tandur, Timmapuram, Uppal, Vidyanagar, Vikarabad, Warangapalli, Warangal, Yakutpura and Zahirabad.

Quality of condoms

†913. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether concern over the quality of Government supplied condoms and objections to them on religious grounds have been raised by the States;

(b) if so, whether this aspect has been looked into; and

(c) whether this is also a reasons for non-achievement of the required success in population control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Ministry has not received any report on the quality of Government supplied condoms and objections to them on religious grounds from any State.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.